

Attorney Docket No. 5725.0660-00


REMARKS

Claims 15-33 are pending. Claims 1-14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and rewritten as new claims 15-33 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which Applicants consider to be the invention, and to place the claims in better conformance with U.S. patent practice. Support for new claims 15-33 can be found throughout the specification, and in original claims 1-14. Thus, no new matter has been added by these amendments. Accordingly, Applicants now await an action on the merits.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

By: 
William Z. Nakhleh
Reg. No. 42,924

Dated: September 29, 2000

LAW OFFICES
FINNEGAN, HENDERSON,
FARABOW, GARRETT,
& DUNNER, L.L.P.
1300 I STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, DC 20005
202-408-4000